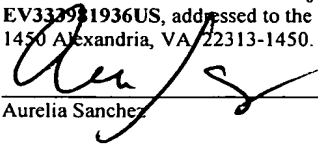


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**Gil Delgado, John McMurtry and James Wiley**

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROTECTING SURFACES OF OPTICAL COMPONENTS**

Assigned to:

Priority of U.S. provisional application No. 60/419,668 filed on October 17, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

☐ Amend the specification by inserting after the title the sentence: "This application claims priority of U.S. provisional application No. filed on which is hereby incorporated by reference."

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ **30** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
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- ☐ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☐ Separate Declaration

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- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☐ Separate Power of Attorney by Assignee
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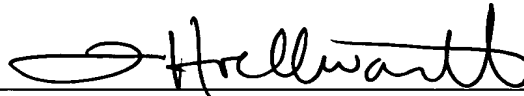
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